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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York and Chicago, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to at times firm. Demand was light to instances good. In the Northeast, delivery and production schedules were disrupted due to inclement weather. Supplies were generally adequate and confidently held as traders watch export markets and winter weather conditions. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to tight for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate to fully adequate for mostly normal processing schedules.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was at least steady to fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to very good. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate for current needs. Monday's inventories were down 8% in Michigan, 8% lower in Iowa-Minnesota, down 10% in Ohio, and 15% lower in Illinois-Indiana. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with most breakers not interested in additional breaking stock at current quoted values. Offerings were tight to adequate. Schedules full-time to part-time. Floor stocks in balance to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	55-62	57-59
LARGE	53-61	55-59
MEDIUM	45-51	48-51

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

LARGE	38-42
MEDIUM	28-32
SMALL	12-16

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,western NY, and western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were slightly higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums when compared to previous week's pricing. The market tone ranged steady to instances fully steady entering the holiday week. Transportation and production schedules were delayed or cancelled due to inclement weather in most areas of the Northeast. Supplies were adequate for current needs, but held with increased confidence. Breaking stock demand was light to moderate for generally sufficient offerings. Light type fowl were at least adequate to fully adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	61-75	64-68
LARGE	57-72	62-66
MEDIUM	46-61	51-53

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment fully steady. Retail demand moderate to good with scattered feature activity. Food service movement generally moderate. Supplies of all sizes adequate to in close balance with some packers beginning to fill export commitments this week.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	62-69
LARGE	60-68
MEDIUM	50-55.5

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Weekly prices were irregular when compared to previous week's pricing. Trade sentiment was fully steady to at times firm as prices trend slightly higher on all weights. Demand into all channels ranged light to instances good. Supplies were adequate and held with confidence as traders watch export markets and winter weather conditions in the Northeast. Breaking stock offerings were generally sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were at least adequate to fully adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	65.5-73	67-70
LARGE	62-69	63-66
MEDIUM	50.5-58	51-55

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged all sizes. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was light to instances good for scattered feature activity, however severe winter weather in the New York area hampered transportation. Supplies were generally sufficient for immediate trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	71-75
LARGE	69-73
MEDIUM	58-62

**CHICAGO** All prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand was moderate to good with scattered feature activity providing some additional interest. Supplies were adequate.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	61-67
LARGE	59-65
MEDIUM	49-55

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**WESTERN** Prices unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 5% lower than last week with California down 5% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 5%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged on all sizes. The California inventory was 5% lower than last week. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 63. Ads in Northern California: major- extra large 18 pack 199, large 18 pack 179, buy 1 get 1 free.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	105
EXTRA LARGE	100
LARGE	94
MEDIUM	83

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	239-319	JUMBO	249-299
EXTRA LARGE	229-319	EXTRA LARGE	229-269
LARGE	199-219	LARGE	209-245
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	179-209

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending February 21, 2003 will increase by 4 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending February 14, 2003 were 246,910 cases which was 1 percent above the prior week and 4percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	206,294	40,616	246,910
% change from the prior week.....	-1	+16	+1

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 16 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with most breakers not interested in additional breaking stock at current quoted values. Offerings were tight to adequate. Schedules full-time to part-time. Floor stocks in balance to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	38-40
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	26-31
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI	

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for the mostly fully sufficient offerings. Processing schedules were reported as mostly normal. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 17-FEB-03.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9.5	7-8.5	7.97

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal at most plants. Finished sales were moderate. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-FEB-03

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-11	7-8.25	8.24

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM FEB 17, 2003

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.7	19.5	6.9	13.5	13.2	63.8
	Change	-1.2	2.5	0.4	-1.5	-0.7	-1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	21.6	51.2	13.2	29.4	27.9	143.3
	Change	-1.7	1.9	-0.8	2.1	-6.7	-4%
Large	Curr Wk	37.5	94.5	51.2	94.7	112.0	389.9
	Change	-4.3	-12.9	-2.8	9.2	5.6	-1%
Medium	Curr Wk	15.1	45.0	18.2	19.7	21.9	119.9
	Change	0.0	2.1	-4.3	-1.0	-0.7	-3%
Small	Curr Wk	2.8	8.2	0.8	5.6	3.0	20.4
	Change	0.7	0.7	-0.9	-3.0	-2.3	-19%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.0	23.7	10.7	11.5	6.3	55.2
	Change	-1.5	1.4	3.6	0.7	0.5	9%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	17.2	65.6	17.6	30.5	27.1	158.0
	Change	-1.0	-20.1	-0.2	-0.1	-6.6	-15%
Total	Curr Wk	107.9	307.7	118.6	204.9	211.4	950.5
Percent	Change	-8%	-7%	-4%	3%	-5%	-4%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	950.5	-4%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	268.8	-8%	38

Total Shell Egg	1219.3	-5%	213
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1/Information is supplied by a universe of 175 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.  
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## CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 03, 2003

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	195.2	192.1	183.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING FEBRUARY 03, 2003 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	151	151	141	77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEBRUARY 17, 2003

CURRENT LOADS			13.75		FUTURE LOADS			9.25		TOTAL LOADS			23.00				
		SE			NE			MW	LOADS			SC			NW	SW	LOADS
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			
GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	48.75	—	6.00	GNR W 1	—	52.75	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W XL	51.00	56.00	—	—	52.83	—	6.75	GL W XL	—	—	—	64.17	—	62.33	—	4.50	
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	53.50	—	3.75	GL W LG	—	—	—	62.50	—	—	—	.75	
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	42.00	—	1.00	GL W MD	42.29	48.00	43.00	44.00	—	49.14	—	6.50	

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 02/11/03-02/17/03

CURRENT LOADS			88.50		FUTURE LOADS			72.75		TOTAL LOADS			161.25				
			SE		NE		MW					SC		NW		MW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	39.50	46.33	42.00	45.50	45.69	—	52.00	GNR W 1	45.33	50.16	—	—	—	55.00	18.00		
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	44.00	46.50	2.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	67.00	2.00		
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	31.00	33.00	1.00	GL W XL	57.00	59.00	—	63.30	—	60.83	19.00		
GL W J	—	—	65.00	66.00	56.00	—	3.00	GL W LG	52.00	53.74	—	62.50	—	58.35	23.00		
GL W XL	51.00	55.95	53.00	53.81	52.18	54.00	53.50	GL W MD	43.00	46.30	42.33	43.33	—	48.26	14.00		
GL W LG	—	56.90	51.00	53.89	50.42	50.75	43.75	GL W SM	27.00	28.00	—	—	—	35.00	2.00		
GL W MD	—	45.67	38.00	39.50	40.77	42.50	9.25										
GL W SM	—	—	32.00	35.00	27.00	—	2.00										
GL BR LG	—	—	96.00	—	—	102.00	1.00										
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	40.00	3.00										
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	38.33	39.50	20.00										
NRBS - 39	—	—	20.00	22.00	—	28.50	3.75										

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	02/10/03	02/03/03	02/11/02
PACIFIC COAST	381	283	280
LOS ANGELES	338	223	242

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

Receipts from the mainland: 02/02/03-02/08/03  
30-dozen case 4,507

Receipts from the mainland: 01/28/03-02/01/03  
30-dozen case 7,783

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is lower on all sizes. Supply is adequate to meet the moderate demand.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	83.27
LARGE	81.27
MEDIUM	70.27
SMALL	54.27

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